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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: George H. HOFFMAN et al.
Title: SYSTEM METHOD AND COMPUTER
PROGRAM PRODUCT FOR A FOOD
AND BEVERAGE SUPPLY CHAIN
MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK
Appl. No.: 09/815,660
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 27, 2004, Applicants hereby elects Group II (Claims 7-12), drawn to a system for managing a food and beverage supply chain for prosecution in the subject application in order to advance the prosecution of this application.

Applicants, of course, reserve the right to file a divisional application covering the subject matter of the non-elected claims.

Receipt of the initial Office Action on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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